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OFFICIALS ATTEND CEREMONY OPENING BRUSHLEN IRRIGATION SYSTEM

Brushlen Village, Tutrakan Okoliya, 27 April -- At a ceremony today, the Brushlen irrigation system, which will irrigate the vast fields of Ruse, Tutrakan, and Kubrat okoliyas, was put into operation. This system, to be named after Stalin, was completed ahead of schedule. It is the first great endeavor to transform nature in Dobrudzha and is to end the dry spells which formerly affected the rich areas of the Brushlen lowland.

Two high-powered pumping stations anchored in the Danube River will pump tremendous quantities of water from the river to be distributed through canals to the vast cooperative fields.

Rayko Damyanov, Vice-Premier of the Council of Ministers and member of the Politburo of the TsK BKP (Central Committee of the Bulgarian Communist Party), cut a ribbon on pumping station No 23 to mark the opening of the system. Other officials and ambassadors present at the ceremony were as follows:

T. Chernokolev, Minister of Agriculture and member of the Politburo of the TsK BKP; Dimitur Dimov, candidate member of the Politburo of the Tr' BKP; Dimo Dichev, chairman of the State Control Commission and member of the TsK BKP; Minister of Finance, Kiril Lazarov; Minister of Domestic Trade Telo Pelovski, member of the TsK BKP; Minister of Electrification Kimon Georgiev; Minister of Public Health Dr Petur Kolarov; Boris Taskov, chairman, of the Office for State Supply and Stockpiling and mamber of the Tak BKP; Soviet Ambassador Mikhail Bodrov; Chinese Ambassador Ta'ao Hsiang-jen; Polish Ambassador Aleksander Barchacz; Czechoslovak Ambassador Ladislav Simovic; Hungarian Minister Plenipotentiary Ferenc Munnich; & large number of deputyministers, directors, and employees from the departments which had a direct part in the construction of the irrigation system; shockworkers and innovators; prominent members of the working class; and laureates of Dimitrov Prizes from the establishments in the Ruse okrug; working peasants, cooperators and farmers.

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Marin Grashnev, head of the Constructions Office, reported on the work of the men who participated in the construction of the Brushlen irrigation system.

The Decree of the Presidium of the People's Assembly which awarded gold and silver orders of labor to the builders who distinguished themselves in the construction of this irrigation system was read by Titko Chernokolev. Addresses were also delivered by F. Titorenko, first secretary of the Bulgarian Communist Party in Ruse; Atanas M. Todorov, president of the farm workers' cooperative at Staro Selo; Tutrakan Okoliya, a shockworker from the construction project; V. Rashev, etc.

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